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SUBJECT: INDO-PAK RELATIONS: REACTION TO
INDIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

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1. TAKING LEAD FROM PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S SHARP
ATTACK ON MRS. GANDHI FOR FINDING PAKS PLEASED WITH
INDIAN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, PAK PRESS STEPPED UP
WARNINGS ABOUT POSSIBLE GOI DIVERSIONARY MOVES, AND
SEVERAL PAPERS GAVE VENT TO HARSHER CRITICISM OF MRS.
GANDHI GENERALLY THEN HAD BEEN FEATURED EARLIER. PINDI
DAILY TAMEER, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT HER REFUSAL TO
STEP DOWN DESPITE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT'S RULING SHOWS
THAT THE PEOPLE OF INDIA WILL HAVE TO EXTEND SUPPORT
TO OPPOSITION TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY. EDITS SEEM NOT TO HAVE PICKED
UP CONCILIATORY ASPECT OF BHUTTO'S STATEMENT: THAT
"WHATEVER THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN INDIA, PAKISTAN
STANDS COMMITTED TO THE SIMLA AGREEMENT... (AND IS)
PREPARED TO RECEIVE EVEN TOMORROW AN INDIAN DELEGATION
TO RESUME THE SUSPENDED TALKS ON CIVIL AVIATION."

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2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM MFA SOURCES THAT BHUTTO'S

MULTAN STATEMENT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN CLOSE
CONSULTATION WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING
FOREIGN SECRETARY AGHA SHAHI AND MINISTER OF STATE
AZIZ AHMED, BOTH OF WHOM WERE IN MULTAN WITH HIM.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO COPIES OF
MEW DELHI MESSAGES ON CRISIS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF
INTENSE PAK INTEREST AND CONCERN ABOUT ITS IMPLICATIONS.
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